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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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 Ramaz KATSARAVA et al.) Group Art Unit: 1615
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 Application Number: 09/757,704) Examiner: To Be Assigned
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 Filed: January 11, 2001)
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 For: POLYMER BLENDS AS BIODEGRADABLE MATRICES FOR PREPARING
 BIOCOPOMITES

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND
RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS
OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a one-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed June 8, 2001 in the above-identified patent application. The following authorization to charge the undersigned's deposit account covers the \$55.00 one-month extension of time fee. Accordingly, the period for response is extended to run until **September 8, 2001**.

In response to the attached U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) Notice To File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed June 8, 2001, Applicants submit herewith the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application, basic filing fee, excess claims fee, multiple dependent claims fee, and surcharge for late filing for the above-captioned patent application.

Applicants also submit herewith an executed Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status – Small Business Concern for the purpose of paying reduced fees.

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The filing fees are, therefore, calculated as follows:

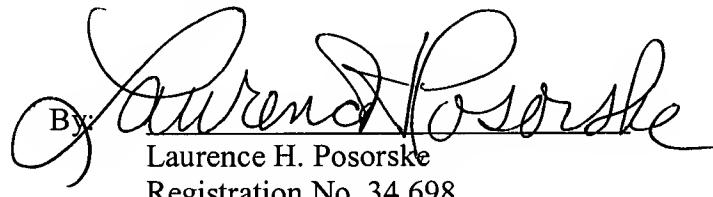
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| Basic Filing Fee | \$ 355.00 |
| Excess dependent claim fee (58x9) | 522.00 |
| Multiple dependent claim fee | 135.00 |
| Late Filing Surcharge | 65.00 |
| One-Month Extension of Time | <u>55.00</u> |

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$1,132.00

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge **\$1,132.00** to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-1640. In the event any variance exists between the amount authorized and the Patent Office fees, please charge or credit any difference to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-1640.

Respectfully submitted,

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